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From: h f perkins@juno.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon, May 5, 2003 12:05 AM
Subject: media ownership

I'm asking you to oppose the proposed changes in media ownership
Thank you,
Helen Perkins
Surprise, AZ

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From: Kimberlee Piper
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, May 5, 2003 12:34 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Kimberlee Piper (kimberlee.piper@verizon.net) writes

Dear Mr. Adelstein

I just viewed a piece NOW with Bill Moyers where he interviewed Mr. Michael Copps. I want you to know that I only became aware of the further deregulation of the Media a few weeks ago when PBS aired a piece by NPR. Since this issue is not being publicized by any of the major networks, I believe that is a testament that the current regulations do not promote free speech. In fact, I believe it is a testament that they should be regulated further because these companies have a lot to lose if the American public became aware what would be taken away from them.

As I stated in a letter to my representatives in Congress-

One of the foundations this country was built on was open debate. I don't see that the American public can openly debate any issue intelligently. When I hear comments by foreigners that the Americans are living in a bubble, how can I not agree? I see big companies airing stories that they feel will increase their ratings. The right to make an informed debate has been taken away from me.

Please be aware that I oppose any further deregulation of the media.

Sincerely,

Kimberlee Piper

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From: Thomas E Preisser
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, May 5, 2003 12:51 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Thomas E Preisser (preissert@aol.com) writes

Dear Commissioner Adelstein

This is what I wrote to Chairman Powell
Dear Mr Chairman

"I have heard, with great interest, the words of Mr Copps. I urge you to table a vote concerning the consolidation of media empires, or vote "No". The Right and the Left are both skeptical about revamping the local market rules for consolidated ownership, and I think you should pay attention. This might pave the way for your next big job with the Carlyle Group, but it is definitely NOT in the public interest to further consolidate the media across American markets."

I urge you to take a stand on this important matter

Thank you

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From: Anthony Pasqua
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon, May 5, 2003 1 26 AM
Subject: Preserve Diversity and Openness in the Media and on the Internet

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May 5, 2003

Federal Communications Commission Chair Michael K. Powell
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Chair Powell

The Federal Communications Commission is responsible for ensuring that the media serve the public interest. I am concerned that the FCC is acting on behalf of big business rather than the people.

It is clear that the FCC has stepped up its efforts to de-regulate the media and telecommunications industries. You must act now to halt further media consolidation and to preserve the openness and diversity of the Internet.

As a supporter of women's rights, I am concerned that the current media merger free-for-all threatens to rob us all of the independent voices, views and ideas that nourish a pluralistic, democratic society. Ownership consolidation is squeezing out what little diversity remains in the marketplace.

The media are more than just a business, they bring information to people that affects their lives. We cannot have a healthy democracy, and women cannot pursue equal rights, if we are uninformed on the issues. The media have a responsibility to serve the public interest and ensure that all voices are heard. It is your job to promote this.

Please remember U.S. consumers and citizens when you review any further regulations. The media giants already control far too much of our precious information resources.

Sincerely,

Anthony Pasqua

From: Rural Peacemakers
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, May 5, 2003 2:08 AM
Subject: No more consolidation of the media

Commissioners,

I'm horrified by the STATE of the media today. I feel like I'm in a bad movie surrounded by zombies sucking up state run propaganda. I'm sure that suits those few voices that want theirs to be the only ones heard. It does not suit me or many others that know the difference between truth and lies.

To Mr. Copps, thank you for all you are doing to stop further consolidation. You represent the intelligent people of America that can see this for what it is. Don't let the yahoo's get you down!

Respectfully yours,

Barbara Fix
Rural Preston, Minnesota

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From: John D. Ressler
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon, May 5, 2003 1:09 AM
Subject: Vote on media ownership

In regard to the commission's upcoming vote on allowing for greater consolidation of media ownership, I want to express my view that as with species in the environment, maximizing DIVERSITY is a good thing. From what I've seen and heard on the matter, I would prefer to see less consolidation of media ownership not more. It is hard to see how allowing for less diversity of ownership benefits the public. Isn't that supposed to be the job of the FCC? I see a problem with Clear Channel owning the number of radio stations that they do. I would not like to see that happen with television. I would like to see stations (and networks) offer more "free" time to political candidates so as to lessen the effects of money in the campaign. Is this part of your responsibility as commissioners? At any rate, I do hope you will keep foremost in your considerations the PUBLIC GOOD. Thank you.

John Ressler, Leavenworth, Washington

CC: Kathleen Abernathy

From: Marvin Tarbox
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, May 5, 2003 1 15 AM
Subject: FCC media ruling

Please do not change the rules regarding the ownership of the media complex Its scary to see what has already transpired

The Clear Channel Co size and scope in Advertising, Radio(1200 stations),TV(36 stations), Entertainment venues, International ties is just a peek into the future, complete control of information by one or a very few, George Orwell???

Thank you Marvin Tarbox

From: Sy Cohan
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, May 5, 2003 1 31 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Sy Cohan (stoogy2u@yahoo com) writes

As it is, relaxed ownership rules in the US has allowed a "cartel" of 10 media giants to control virtually all media output. Mega-corporations obliterate all competition. Independent production doesn't have a chance.

Any further deregulation of media ownership will adversely affect what we and our children will see, hear and read for many years to come.

Thank you,

Sy Cohan

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From: william T Carey
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, May 5, 2003 1:39 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

william T Carey (bingocarey@attbi.com) writes

Dear commissioner Adelstein

I do not want the PUBLIC airwaves to be controlled by fewer and fewer media giants. I see this as a great threat to democracy. Everything is now based on the bottom line. What happened to governance FOR the people? Where is the free press? Where is the debate about this? Where is the news coverage?

I urge you NOT to remove the existing FCC regulations on June 2nd 2003. I urge you to delay the June 2nd vote until there can be public debate on this. I hear a lot of talk about patriotism these days. I think it's time you all reread the oath you took as senators and stepped up to the plate as you consider the ramifications of this proposed legislation.

Thank You,
William T. Carey

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From: Robert Baltezare
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon, May 5, 2003 12:44 AM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

It is an established fact that uncontrolled monopolies are not in the public's interests. The media, i.e. radio, television, magazines and newspapers, are presumed to be profit making ventures and hence are consumed by self interest. If such ventures are permitted to achieve a monopolistic status how is the general public to learn the truth? Further, "freedom of speech" could easily and effectively be suppressed. I respectfully and strongly urge you to retain the existing broadcast ownership rules. Sincerely, Robert Baltezare, Dent, Mn

From: Hal Katz
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon, May 5, 2003 1 13 AM
Subject: Media Ownership

Seventy-five percent of the public is not aware of the pending FCC changes that would allow further consolidation of media ownership. There should be a public forum, a debate, but there is none. That debate that has been quieted by those with the loudest voices: the media corporations themselves. These conglomerates rightfully fear the public might be horrified by their plans if they knew what was pending, so they rarely air news stories covering this issue. The debate has been effectively stifled. This fact alone should send the FCC and congress a clear message that there is danger in further consolidation of media ownership. This is a subtle subterfuge to freedom of speech and will further erode our democratic heritage.

If the media corporations have the power to quiet this debate, then they will have the power to silence future debates when it is in their best interest to do so. Remember the public owns the radio spectrum, not the conglomerates, and they get to use it free of charge. This right comes with the obligation to serve their communities, an obligation that has been abrogated.

Please do what you can to delay imposing these new rules until the issues are publicly debated and discussed.

Thank you for your consideration,

Hal Katz

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CC: Kathleen Abernathy, mcoops@fcc.gov, Commissioner Adelstein

From: jthomas
To: Mike Powell
Date: Mon, May 5, 2003 1 45 AM
Subject: Proposed changes in regulation of media companys

Dear Commissioner Powell

I wish to express my opposition to the proposed relaxation of ownership limits on media outlets. I believe that the Public Interest is best served when many INDEPENDENT voices are heard. Thank you for considering my views.

Joe Thomas
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From: imer
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, May 5, 2003 2:29 AM
Subject: Re: FCC must not lose authority to courts

Dear Commissioner Adelstein

Unheard of recent levels of Corporate fraud have been wrecking America's confidence in business and preying on the hope we have of a return to a normal economy

Until now, fraud has not been a very serious issue to the FCC. But lately, the public has been absorbing many painful blows that personally shake common beliefs in regulated strong fair dealing public utilities. This citizen's common phone bill ought to be an eye opener. Will lawyers and courts have to usurp FCC territory to stop fraud on SBC issued phone bills like the one that follows?

Before discovering this "cramming" rogue on my SBC bill I have never heard of ILD Teleservices, Inc. I never used ILD and I never authorized anyone to use ILD. ILD wrongfully obtained a number I infrequently call in Oregon. Then, ILD wrongfully billed me \$49.92, saying I authorized a 50 minute "collect" call from a public pay phone to the Oregon phone number (ILD didn't say where this pay phone was in the USA). When I told ILD to delete their *false billing charges immediately*, they offered to give me 70% off.

Thanks for your attention to a Republican that wants you back in office after next election.

Deal with this rogue telco service before many
people are affected I'm giving you my thank you
right now I know an FCC Chairman that will
not let many innocent people be defrauded

Sincerely yours,

Mrs C B Adams

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From: JLWWALKER@aol.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, May 5, 2003 2:39 AM
Subject: Deregulation

As an American who believes that we need to have a greater number of news sources, not fewer, I strongly protest your plans to weaken the rules that help preserve competition and diversity among the owners of American media. This is a terrible idea.

I also understand that you are unwilling to hear what the people of this county, who are supposed to own the air waves, have to say. Your job ought to be to listen to the people, and represent their interests, not the interests of the media conglomerates.

Postpone the June decision, do more research, look at what's happened to radio stations already, look toward providing the people with the greatest access to information possible, not toward providing the conglomerates with the opportunity to gain more power and shut others out.

From: Doris Meyer
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, May 5, 2003 12:38 AM
Subject: talking points

dear mr adelstein I am writing in regard to the proposal to relax the rules regarding broadcast company ownership I strongly urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules now in effect that are meant to protect us in america from manipulation by media monopolies we need to hear opposing viewpoints and more than one viewpoint on important issues please continue the broadcast ownership rules that have protected us from censorship for the past decades thank you sincerely, james e meyer medford wi 54451